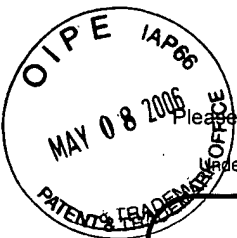


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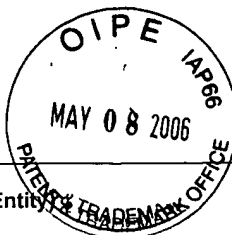
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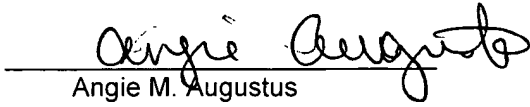
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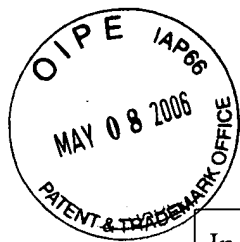
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This is a response to the Final Office Action dated March 22, 2006, which has a shortened statutory period for reply that is set to expire on June 22, 2006.

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